THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) According to Delhi University, 46,267 students had obtained 40 per cent marks and above in the Senior Secondary School Examination in Delhi this year and are eligible for admission to various undergraduate courses in Delhi University and its Colleges during the current academic session.

(b) Yes, Sir. The seats available in the regular courses, the correspondence courses and the Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board and the External Candidate's Cell will be adequate to accommodate all the eligible candidates.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir. The Delhi Administration has decided to open two Colleges, *viz.*; a College of Physical Education and a College of Business Studies; from the current academic session. Besides the Delhi Administration has also decided to open a new College of Arts and Commerce from this year in lieu of G.D. Salwan College whose mangement has decided to close the College in a phased manner from this year.

Service benefits to extra departmental employees of P. & T. Department

2849. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with the Central Government for absorption of over three lakh extra-departmental employees in the Department of Posts and Telegraph;

(b) if so, the percentage of the persons so far absorbed;

(c) whether any other facilities like gratuity, DA, cycle allowance, office maintenance allowance, delivery and conveyance allowance etc., will be provided to them; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) The extra departmental employees are entitled to Dearness Allowance, Cycle Allowance, Office maintenance allowance, delivery and conveyance wherever admissible. All the Extra Departmental employees are entitled to *ex gratia* gratuity after putting in minimum of 10 years of qualifying service. The Extra departmental employees are also entitled to fixed stationery allowance.

Appointment on compassionate grounds to widows of the telegraphists

2850. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some widows of the telegraphists who died while in service in Delhi/New Delhi in the year 1986, have applied for jobs on compassionate grounds;

(b) what are the names of such widows who applied for jobs on compassionate grounds;

(c) whether Government have since completed all formalities for providing them suitable jobs, and if not, reasons for the delay; and

(d) by when all the widows are likely to get jobs on compassionate grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. Only one.

(b) Smt. Gurjit Kaur.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) On availability of a vacancy.